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Thanks

... to those parents and children who helped make Korea Day so successful this week

... for supporting our Talent Show participants.

... for your support and encouragement this term.

People of the week

... Our Talent Show contestants (and Mrs Walker for co-ordinating this year's show) ... good luck for next week!

... those parents supporting our senior badminton team next week.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

25 September School Talent Show

28 September Junior School Production (11:30 AM)

29 September Final day for term 3 (16/10 ... First day term 4)

16 October First day of term 4

Congratulations

Northland Cross Country runners - Melissa H 20th place 9 year girls

Hazza B ... 3rd place 9 year boys; Shiprah J 13th place 11 year old girls;

Connan W 2nd place 11 year boys ... Huge achievements - well done!

Two special invitations

You are cordially invited to two special events ...



The School Talent Show

**Monday 25th September ...starting 7:00pm
in the school hall**

Thank you to Kara Physiotherapy who are sponsors
of this year's Talent Show.



**The Junior Production
... Thursday 28th September
starting 11:30am in the school hall**

A big Thank You to Paula for her help with the costumes and
Simon for help with the sound and lighting.

Please join with us to celebrate
the often hidden talents of our students.
A gold coin donation is requested for each event
please to help cover costs of equipment hireage.

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

... Junior Production

.... Home Gardens

... Calf Club

... Operation Christmas Child

Lost Property

Please take a moment next week to check the lost property area (between rooms 11 and 12). Items unclaimed will be donated to charities at the end of next week.

Calf Club Update

Indoor Exhibits ... Sent home with this week's newsletter is a list of indoor exhibits (for the respective year levels) for this year's Calf Club Day. We are sending this list home early to give a favourable lead-in time for sourcing of materials etc. Most exhibits are made at school, with children asked to complete a minimum of 5 exhibits. Please note that, for display & space purposes, we request that exhibits are no larger than a standard shoe box size.

Cake Auction ... Today your children will have brought home an invitation to Dads, Grandads & Uncles & other male role models to participate, with their child/grandchild, in our annual calf club cake auction. You can even choose where and how you would like the proceeds spent. So, please get involved, the cakes are a big attraction on the day.

Final Calf Club Details will be sent home Monday 16 October 2017.

Thank you to **AUTONORTH** who are sponsors of this year's Calf Club Day
and to **Ringrose Stockfoods** for sponsorship of ribbons.

PET ENTRIES Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

A pet booklet was recently sent home with interested children for return on the first Monday back at school please (16.10). Note



that **NO DOGS or PUPPIES** are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day. **Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health.**

Please advise Mrs Dorahy as early as possible if your child decides that they will not be bringing their pet on the day.

Talent Show

Please ensure that children performing in the Talent Show bring instruments, props or costumes to school on Monday morning for the dress rehearsal at 1:15pm. Performers are required at school by 6:15pm on Monday evening please if they require a costume change, other performers no later than 6:45pm. Any questions to Mrs Walker please.

Matarau Loan T-Shirts .. STILL PLENTY TO COME BACK PLEASE!

It is a condition of borrowing the loan t-shirts that they are for short term loan and are returned clean (washed & folded) as soon as possible. This ensures these shirts are available for other children who need them for the next event. Please return shirts asap, alternatively, you may choose to purchase the shirt at a reduced cost of \$10.

Year 7 and 8 Badminton (27.9)

Parents of year 7 and 8 students in our school badminton team are asked to please ensure that children bring lunch, drink, suitable footwear and Matarau T-shirts on the day. Thanks again to our co-ordinating parents.

Home Gardens

By now children involved in this year's Home Garden Programme should have received their home garden diaries, if not please contact Mrs Burgin.

By the end of the school holidays please ensure ...

... gardens have been dug over and composted

... all seeds are planted .. seedlings after labour Weekend

... pest control measures are in place

Please contact Mrs Burgin with any questions, and please take some time to visit our school garden blog.

Compost for sale - FUNDRAISER

Fonterra have kindly donated Compost for the school to sell. The Fonterra compost is made from whey mixed with sawdust, and is GREAT FOR THE GARDEN. Whey provides the soil with minerals such as magnesium, potassium and protein and also improves the overall texture. Great for home garden projects!

We will be selling the compost for \$30 / cubic metre (approx 4x6 sized trailer load) which can be picked up from the Fonterra yard on Jordan Valley Road. Please bring your own trailer (or back of a ute).

Pickup will now only be available next Saturday 30th September 2017, between 10 & 12 noon only. Payment must be received prior to end of school on the 29th and a collection voucher will

Kings Seeds Fundraiser

The ordered seeds have been sent home with children today. Thank you for your support.

Out of Zone Enrolments .. CRUCIAL REMINDER

Thank you to those who have kept us advised of their intentions for next year ... it is crucial that we know which children will, or will not, be enrolled with us next year so that we get class numbers right. Even if unsure / undecided please let us know regardless. Please remember that advice via your child, or child's teacher, is not sufficient, **advice must be to Helen directly or via the school answer phone**. Where we have not been advised through Helen, or the answer phone, your child will remain on our lists for 2018.

APPLICATION FOR AN OUT OF ZONE PLACE

As advised, the board will ensure sufficient places for out of zone siblings in 2018, provided application is made for these students using an Out of Zone Application Form available from our school office. This form will need to be returned to us by the closing date of 18 October.

Applications received after this date (even for out of zone siblings) will likely not be accepted for 2018. We have limited places in our Year 7 & 8 Cambridge Lower Secondary programme for out of zone students who do not have siblings currently in the school.

If you have any questions about this process please contact either Helen or Kevin.

Farewell to Mrs Comrie

Mrs Comrie has given many years of dedicated service to Matarau School. Her advocacy and passion for students needing a "leg up" has been a significant shaping factor in the lives of countless students over a long career.

While our commitment is to continue to do our best by our most vulnerable students, we will certainly miss the many exemplary qualities that Mrs Comrie has brought to her work. Never failing in her commitment to her students, to her belief in what they can achieve, to advocacy on their behalf, and to pushing out the boundaries of good practice, Mrs Comrie leaves a considerable legacy.

On Tuesday 26 September starting 10:30am in the school hall we will be having a farewell morning tea for Mrs Comrie. You are more than welcome to attend. Alternatively, if you have a word of thanks you would like passed to Mrs Comrie please email these to Kevin at principal@matarau.school.nz over the weekend.

If you think you will be at the morning tea next Tuesday please let Helen know, or leave a message on the school answerphone. Hopefully we will see some of you on Tuesday, or receive an encouraging email from you by week's end.

Finally

Thank you for your support this term, plenty to celebrate, and plenty to look forward to next term. Travel safely over the holiday period, have quality time together, and maybe spend some time reflecting on the things that matter most. See you next term.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Community Notices

Girl Guide Biscuits – on sale now. Order at www.guidebiscuits.org.nz or buy at Cameron Street Mall between 9.30 – 1.30pm 23 September –Flavours are Mini Choc, Chocolate, Plain. \$3.50 per packet or \$10 for 3.

Bog Slog – Adventure Mud Run, Sunday 24th September 10.30am registration, 11am start. 4km circuit. \$15 per adult (over 14yrs) or \$10 for kids (6-13 yrs). Purua School fundraiser (for a bigger bus). Entry includes drink & sausage. Shoes compulsory. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placegetters. Check facebook *purua bog slog* or admin@purua.school.nz

Pilates at Ruatangata Hall Wednesdays at 5.30 or Fridays at 6.30; \$100 for 10 sessions, or \$15 casual. Book with Carla online at <http://www.justdancewhangarei.biz/> or cell 021 0235 7440. Highly recommended as a great way to increase your core strength and flexibility under great guidance.

Creative Writing Workshops - led by local author Donna Blaber will be held at Whangarei Central Library this coming school holidays. Create New Ideas and Write Gripping Plots - Monday 9th October 2017; Travel Writing - Tuesday 10th July 2017. Workshops run from 9am-3pm daily and cost \$35 per day. Find out more at www.donnablaber.com/workshops

Holiday Fun @ KiwiNorth - Close encounter with Flash the Tuatara 2 - 10 October after 11am kiwi feeding. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. At keepers discretion. Kiwi Feeding & keeper talk - 11am, 1pm, and 3pm daily. Heritage Park rides 4th to 13th October 10am to 2pm, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays. Mini trains 10.30am to 2.30pm Wednesdays only. www.kiwinorth.co.nz

The Kauri Museum - October School Holidays at DIY Poster Prints Workshop; 10am-2pm Wednesday 4 October 10am-2pm Wednesday 11 October Cost: \$15 each; 7-17 years Registrations essential; 15 children per session; 5 Church Road, Matakoho. Email admin@kaurimuseum.com or call (09) 4317417

Want to play cricket for Kamo Cricket Club? - Junior Registration Day is Saturday 30 September 10am – 12pm at the club (Kamo Rec, Butler Place, Kamo). Come along for registration and some fun games. If you can't make it, online registration is available at: www.sporty.co.nz/kamocricket Existing and new junior members (girls and boys up to year 8) of all abilities welcome. Professional coaching provided for all grades. A great way to enjoy the sunshine and make new friends.

Rabbits for Sale - 2 males, sold together or separately. \$25 each. Ph or text 022 467 1930. Great to bring to calf club day.

Fresh Free Range Eggs for sale. \$6-00 per dozen. \$1-00 from every dozen sold will be donated to Matarau School. Phone Don 027 3686988

The Northland Astronomical Society - Saturday October 7th - 7.00pm; Public lecture by leading NASA scientist Dr Natalie Batalha. Finding evidence of life beyond Earth is one of the primary goals of science agencies around the world, with the objective of finding Goldilocks planets orbiting other stars like our Sun. She'll give a preview of what's to come - the missions soon to launch and those that are concepts taking shape on the drawing board. Adults \$10.00 Students \$5.00 Tikipunga High School, 194 Corks Road, Tikipunga Bookings: www.planets.nz or phone 438 4406

Girls only Holiday Football Fun, Tikipunga Ages 6-12 October 2017 – Tues 10th to Friday 13th; Tuesday 17th October to Tuesday 5th December 2017 4-30 to 5.30pm \$48 for the 8 week block. To register - www.nff.org.nz or contact Christina for a registration link on 09 437 7294 / 021 795 074 email: Christina.taylor@nff.org.nz

Ta Da Drama and Musical Theatre Classes Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Classes in Whangarei & Bream Bay. Email us to book your child in we have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

The **Kamo Round the Mountain Fun Run/ Walk** is being held Sunday – 15th October This is a fun event for students, their families to be involved in. Entries can be made on line and paid for at <http://tiny.cc/omnymy>or cash entry can be made at our office. Student (up to year 8) entry fee is \$5 and adult entry fee is \$15 (until 14/10/17)

Whakapara Pony Club enrolment day. Sunday 24th September 3-5pm. At Whakapara Pony Club Grounds at the end of Park Road in Hikurangi. Email irisvanvelsen@xtra.co.nz with any enquiries